associations including pharmaceutical and chemical sectors on the proposed amendments. All views and concerns will be taken into consideration suitably before finalizing the said amendment.

Concerns of drug industry on patent law

999. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug industry has represented concerns against the patent law formulated recently by the competent authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above concerns have been rectified;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether a high level independent Commission would be initiated to make recommendations on the patent issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (e) Representations have been received from industry associations including pharmaceutical industry concerning amendment to the Patents Act due from January 01, 2005 for introduction of product patent regime in the fields of food, chemicals and pharmaceuticals in terms of India's obligations under the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). All views and concerns will be taken into consideration suitably before finalizing the amendments in Patents Act, 1970.

Trade between India and China

†1000. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the turn-over of export and import trade between India and China during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the commodities exported to China; and

(c) the amount of revenue earned there-from?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.